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Governor's Watershed Initiative Take Pride in Utah Day

Volunteers Plant Trees to improve the Jordan River as Part of the Governor's Watershed Initiative

Today, youth and adult volunteers gathered at the Bend in the River, Urban Treehouse site along the Jordan River in Salt Lake City, to celebrate National Youth Service Day and Take Pride in Utah Day. The Bend in the River, Urban Treehouse site is part of a long-standing commitment by several grassroots organizations to preserve and enhance natural areas along the Jordan River.

"This area represents a bit of nature in the middle of the city," said Sonja Hervi, project coordinator, Lowell Bennion Community Service Center. "It's important to continue to maintain and upgrade the site each year."

As part of the watershed initiative, community groups from around the state are working to improve watersheds. The Jordan River Watershed is an important community resource in the Salt Lake Valley. Local efforts in many communities along the river in recent years have helped improve the quality of the river and its surrounding areas.

The Governor's Watershed Initiative is designed improve several watersheds throughout the state and to increase awareness and education about the importance of watersheds among Utah's youth and adults.

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"Watersheds are important to all Utahns because they provide the life-giving supply of water that grows

our food and provides for our needs,” said Utah Governor Olene S. Walker. “We’ve set a lofty goal to take care of these vast areas, but together I know we can meet it. Our watersheds are our life sheds.”

The Governor is calling on individual volunteers, families and organizations of all sizes to get involved by adopting a waterbody. To find out more about the Governor’s Watershed Initiative and the Adopt-A-Waterbody program. Go to the Adopt-A-Waterbody web site: <http://adoptawaterbody.utah.gov>.

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